



Niger

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

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Documents

For Foreign Expatriates (Non-Diplomatic)

- **Copy of passport**
- **Valued inventory**
- **Original certificate of change of residence and original letter of appointment from employer in Niger**
- **Application for duty-free admission, addressed either to the shipper's embassy in Niamey (takes approximately 3 weeks) or to the Customs department (takes at least 2 weeks)**
- **Detailed list of all electrical appliances and hi-fi equipment not older than 6 months, with make, model, and serial number**
- **Non-sale certificate (declaration that the owner will not sell any personal effects)**

For Diplomats, UN, and EU Staff

- **Copy of diplomatic passport**

- **Valued inventory**
- **Original certificate of change of residence and original letter of appointment from the employing organisation. The certificate must state the length of stay, the address on arrival, and the arrival date.**
- **Application for duty-free admission, addressed either to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (takes approximately 4 weeks) or to the Customs department (takes at least 2 weeks)**
- **Taxes and duties exemption certificate**

For Returning Nigerien Citizens

- **Copy of passport**
- **Valued inventory**
- **Original certificate of change of residence and original letter of appointment from employer**
- **Request for duty-free admission authorisation from the Ministry of Finance or the Customs department (takes at least 2 weeks); once authorisation is received, a duty-free admission certificate is issued (takes a further 2 to 3 weeks)**

Household Goods — Specific Information

Household goods in the owner's possession for at least 6 months qualify for duty-free entry. Only one electrical appliance per category is authorised duty-free (e.g., one television, one refrigerator, one washing machine).

New items are subject to import duties. For non-exempted personal effects, the following duties and taxes apply: 47.37% on the value declared to Customs, plus 30,000 FCFA in administration fees, plus 30,000 FCFA for scanner fees.

Even when personal effects are fully exempt from duties and taxes, the following fixed fees still apply: 30,000 FCFA in administration fees and 30,000 FCFA for scanner fees.

For returning Nigerien citizens, a statistical tax of 3% of the value of goods applies despite the presence of a duty-free certificate of departure (whether air or sea export).

For diplomatic shipments, the destination agent must have all Customs documents at least 15 days before shipment arrival to allow time to obtain the certificate for free entry from the Customs head office. Customs clearance will only proceed once the diplomatic exoneration is received.

ISPM 15: All wooden packing materials must comply with ISPM 15 phytosanitary standards. Confirm requirements with the destination agent.

Prohibited / Restricted Items

Prohibited Items

The following items are prohibited from import into Niger:

- Drugs and narcotics
- Alcohol (other than "fond de cave" as described in Section 4)
- Pornographic or subversive materials
- Firearms and ammunition without the required authorisation from the territorial administration
(Permit Required)
- Endangered species and products derived from CITES-listed fauna and flora *(CITES)*

Restricted / Dutiable Items

Traveller duty-free allowances (for persons over 15 years of age): 200 cigarettes, 100 cigarillos, 25 cigars, or 250 grams of tobacco; 1 bottle of wine and 1 bottle of spirits; 500 ml of eau de toilette and 250 ml of perfume.

Alcohol in shipments: Only "fond de cave" (personal cellar stock clearly listed as such on the packing list) is permitted in removal shipments, with a maximum of 30 bottles. This must be clearly identified on the inventory.

Firearms and ammunition: Import requires authorisation from the territorial administration. See also Section 5.

Vehicles

Vehicle Documents

- **Original vehicle registration documents**
- **Insurance certificate**
- **Non-sale certificate**
- **Original purchase invoice or sales contract**

- **Copy of passport**
- **Original OBL / AWB. The OBL must state chassis number, engine number, cubic capacity, year of manufacture, make, and model.**
- **Change of residence certificate**
- **Tax exoneration document (if applicable)**

Specific Information

Taxes on non-exempted vehicles: duties of 47.60% of the CIF value, plus 0.25% of the CIF value (guarantee fund), plus 30,000 FCFA for scanner fees, plus 30,000 FCFA for administration fees, plus 120,000 FCFA for the SONILOGA agency (which provides an estimate of the argus value on all vehicles, both exempt and non-exempt).

Reduced duty rates apply for exempt categories:

- NGOs: 3.25% of CIF value, plus administration and scanner fees
- Projects: 1.25% of CIF value, plus administration and scanner fees
- Embassies, consulates, and EU: administration and scanner fees only

Pets

Requirements

- **Vaccination record**
- **Veterinary health certificate**

Specific Information

The veterinary health certificate must be issued within 3 days prior to import and must state that the animal (cat or dog) has been clear of rabies and other infectious diseases for a minimum of 6 weeks prior to import. Contact the destination agent for current requirements for birds and other animals.

Consignment Instructions

Recommended: Contact the destination agent to ensure all requirements have been met prior to import, especially for differences regarding air / sea / road shipments.

Duty-free certificate lead time: The application for a duty-free admission certificate must be submitted well in advance of shipment arrival. Depending on the route (shipper's embassy in Niamey or the Customs department), the process takes 2 to 4 weeks. For diplomatic shipments, all documents must reach the destination agent at least 15 days before arrival.

Fixed fees: Even duty-free shipments incur mandatory administration and scanner fees of 30,000 FCFA each. Budget for these regardless of exemption status.

Inventory requirements: The valued inventory must be in French, dated, and signed by the owner of the goods. Electrical appliances and hi-fi equipment purchased within the last 6 months must be separately itemised with make, model, serial number, and value. A non-sale certificate is required for all importers.

Niger is landlocked. Most goods destined for Niamey enter via the Port of Cotonou (Benin) and transit overland, or via Lomé (Togo), Tema (Ghana), or Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) depending on routing and current border conditions. Confirm the preferred port of entry and current transit route with the destination agent, as border and transit conditions can change.

Political context and operational risk: Given Niger's political situation since the July 2023 coup and its withdrawal from ECOWAS, customs procedures, government processing times, and document requirements may be subject to change without notice. All information in this guide should be verified with the destination agent before committing to a shipment.

Cultural & Other Information

Niger is a landlocked country in the Sahel region of West Africa, bordered by Algeria and Libya to the north, Chad to the east, Nigeria and Benin to the south, and Burkina Faso and Mali to the west. The capital is Niamey. French is the official language; Hausa and Zarma are the most widely spoken of the many national languages. The population is approximately 27 million and is among the youngest and fastest-growing in the world. Islam is the predominant religion.

Niger is one of the least developed countries in the world by per capita income, with an economy based on subsistence agriculture and uranium mining. Following the coup of July 2023, the country has experienced political isolation, reduced international aid, and in January 2025 formally withdrew from ECOWAS along with Burkina Faso and Mali to form the Alliance of Sahel States. Russia has become an increasingly significant external partner, with Russian military personnel deployed in the country. Business is conducted primarily in French. The operational environment for international movers is limited; confirm agent capacity before planning any relocation.

Reference Links

- [OpenFactBook — Niger](#)

- [Wikipedia — Niger](#)
- [FIDI Import Customs Guide — Niger \(December 2023\)](#)

Quick Links & Resources

- [Find Movers in Niger \(IAMX\)](#)
<https://iamovers.mobilityex.com/index.html#/search?loc=Niger&lat=17.6078&lng=8.0817&range=50&assocs=800&fvw=c&ctry=Niger>
 - [Foreign Embassies in Niger](#)
<https://www.embassypages.com/niger>
 - [Niger's Embassies Abroad](#)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Foreign_relations_of_Niger
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